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Caldwell top finisher in Primary

Police Chief Incumbent knocked out of race

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KESHENA, WI – The field was narrowed down to six from sixteen in the Menominee Tribal Legislative election which was held November 10 & 11, 1999.

All three incumbents were among the top six. The top vote getter was incumbent Eugene Caldwell with 523. Current Menominee Chair, Apesanahkwat followed close behind with 493 votes. Sylvia Wilber took third place with 483. Wendell "Sim" Askenette secured the fourth place position with 472 votes while Keith Tourtellott garnered 415. Rounding out the top six was Orman Waukau with 410.

The results of the remaining legislative candidates are as follows: Louie Dixon, 397; Karen Dickie-Gardner, 333; Myrna Warrington, 314; Bruce A. Wilber, Sr., 270; Frieda M. Bergeon, 266; Myrna Zhuckahosee-Jackson, 228; Duane Gristeau, 207; Lorena L. Thoms, 201; Frank H. Teller, 181; and Anthony L. Awonohopay, 149.

Incumbent Menominee Tribal Police Chief William 'Kuzco'

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Veteran's Honored, Remembered . . .



Above, Veterans stood tall and proud during a rifle salute at a Veteran's Day ceremony held in Keshena last Thursday. (L to r) are: Elmo Novelli, Ed Starr, Bill Washinawatok, and Edwin J. Wilber. At left, Russell Peters, a 5th grade student at Neopit Middle School, presented a wreath to Menominee Veteran Arnold Corn in honor of all local veterans who served their country.

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Documentary planned about Novitiate Takeover

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GRESHAM, Wis. (AP) – A documentary film is in the planning stages on the 34-day takeover of the Alexian Brothers Novitiate in 1975 by members of a group called the Menominee Warrior Society (MWS).

Pat Rick, a former Alexian Brother, who is leading the project, recently met with two members of MWS, Ken "Bum Bum" Fish and Royal Warrington to get their thoughts on the project. "We believe it's a Menominee story," said Warrington.

The Warriors are willing to assist

Rick with the project to provide a more accurate portrayal on "Why we were fighting for a school and medical facility for our people, and focus on how the tribe evolved in the last twenty years," said Warrington.

"It (the takeover) brought the problem national attention which positively benefitted the Menominee people today," he added.

Rick has made several trips to Keshena, Gresham and Shawano over the last two years to scout out possible filming and production locations for "Novitiate."

The film will document the history

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Beauprey was unsuccessful in his bid to secure a spot on the ballot for the final election in January. Beauprey placed third with 315 votes. There were only 59 votes separating him from the second place finisher; Judith Duquain who had 374. The top finisher was Keith Tourtillott with 495.

The results of the remaining Police Chief candidates were: Tom Tousey, 304 and Brian Tourtillott, 167. Police Chief incumbent Beauprey said that he plans to run as a write-in in the final election.

Approximately 23% of the tribal membership who are eligible to vote exercised their right to do so. The majority of the voters chose to vote absentee. According to information received from Davey Jean Peters, Secretary of the Menominee Tribal Election Commission, 916 members requested absentee ballots. Only 620 ballots were returned. There were 220 votes tallied at the Neopit Fire Station and 456 registered in Keshena bringing the total number of ballots to 1,296.

The final election election will be held January 12 & 13, 2000.

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of the novitiate and Native American politics, the takeover and what has happened to the buildings and property since then, Rick said.

Filmmakers plan to interview members of the Warriors, tribal members, local government leaders, law enforcement officials and former Gov. Patrick Lucey.

Counterfeit Bill Productions will begin shooting film and conducting interviews soon. The Wisconsin Film Office in Madison is assisting with the production resources.

The novitiate near Gresham was abandoned by the Alexians, a Roman Catholic order, in 1966. It was taken over Jan. 1, 1975, by members of the Menominee Warrior Society, who were seeking better medical help and other services for tribal members. National Guard troops were called in to surround the novitiate, and the armed occupation continued 34 days before those inside surrendered. Rick was a resident at the Novitiate in 1972.